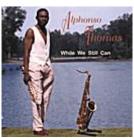
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A blend of Smooth Jazz, Contemporary Gospel and Instrumental R&B, caressed by soprano sax and velvety vocals. 9 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Smooth Jazz, GOSPEL: Contemporary Gospel Details: Alphonso Thomas began his musical career touring the southeastern US and Europe with the US Air Force band. After four years of travel, Al returned to Auburn University where he later graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. Working as an engineer for the US Air Force, he moved to Southern California where he attended the Grove School of Music for a short time and then to New England, studying briefly at the New England Conservatory and Berklee College of Music. While in the Boston area, Al was in high demand as a jazz, R&B and gospel soloist. He headlined for five consecutive years at the Hanscom AFB Black History Month Jazz Night and was a solo performer for four consecutive years at "A Joyful Noise," a gospel celebration at Harvard University honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In spite of relocating to Georgia, Al is still in demand. In addition to local Gospel and Jazz events, he has flown to Cancun, Mexico to perform for DuPont Pharmaceutical and also back to Boston to perform at the Hines Convention Center and local jazz and gospel events. All has been featured on the nationally broadcast "Say Yes," hosted by Candi Staton on the Trinity Broadcasting Network and "Babbie's House," hosted by Babbie Mason on the Sky Angel Network. Al regularly "gives back" to the community's youth. He's conducted instrumental music workshops for the Mountain Movers youth choir of Middle Georgia, performed and spoke for the Annual Alabama Housing Authority State basketball Championship, played a benefit concert for his hometown high school band and provided educational demonstrations at local schools. Al has participated in Gospel workshops directed by Steven Taylor, Troy Snead and Babbie Mason and was chosen by Donnie McClurkin to perform in the "Back to Holiness 2001" New Artist Showcase in 2001. Al's debut recording project includes 7 original songs co-written and produced by

LeRoix Hampton III. Though the album is still a local release, both fans and record industry personnel are excited about the recording and the bright future of this "incredible talent."

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